

Kinnaird sparkles as No. 2 Eagles roll

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MASON CITY - Lexi Kinnaird tossed a two-hit shutout Saturday as the second-ranked Kirkwood Eagles blanked NIACC, 12-0, in the first game of an ICCAC conference doubleheader in Mason City.



Kirkwood also rolled in the second game, 16-2. Both contests lasted only five innings due to the mercy rule.

Kinnaird (13-1, 1.37 ERA) struck out eight batters in the opener, giving her 130 strikeouts and only six walks in 82 innings. She leads all pitchers in NJCAA Division II with the 130 whiffs.

Maddie Hansen belted her eighth home run of the season in the 12-0 victory and Morgan Frost hit her third homer. Frost and Audra Bridenstine drove in three runs.

Lexi Ferrari, Taylor Nearad, Angie McBeain, Chaise Light and Bridenstine had two hits. Ferrari drove in two runs in the opener.

Monika Bevens socked her fourth home run and drove in five runs in the 16-2 verdict in the second game. Nearad went 3-for-5 and drove in two runs. Megan Kublik had three RBIs. Ferrari, Hansen, Frost, McBeain and Bevens had two hits.

McBeain (10-0, 1.92 ERA) was touched for one unearned run in four innings in the second game. She struck out eight batters.

Kirkwood raised its records to 26-1 overall and 6-0 in the conference. NIACC fell to 9-17 overall and 0-8 in the league.

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Kirkwood is scheduled to play another conference twinbill Sunday at Iowa Lakes.

GAME 1

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W - Kinnaird. L - Dove.

GAME 2

Kirkwood ▯ 133 27 - 16 15 2

NIACC ▯ ▯ ▯ 001 01 - 2 4 2

W - McBeain. L - Dove.